3. The period of licence shall be 10 years which may be extended at the discretion of Telecom Authority.

4. The Licensee shall commission the Service within 12 months of signing the Licence Agreement or the effective date of the Licence, whichever is earlier.

5. The service shall conform to the POCSAG (Post Office Code Standing Advisory Group) standards.

6. The service will be provided within the ceiling tariff fixed by the Telecom Authority.

7. The Licensee will pay a licence fee to the Telecom. Authority, in addition to access and junction charges to the Deptt. of Telecommunication.

8. The Licensee will also pay wireless Licence Fee, WPC (Wireless Planning and Coordination Wing) Royalty, etc.

9. The licences have been issued on a non-exclusive basis.

[Translation]

Special Central Assistance to Madhya Pradesh

5447. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the schemes for which special Central assistance is given to Madhya Pradesh and the criteria adopted for it;

(b) the details of the amount of Central assistance alongwith the details of schemes for which it was given during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(c) whether the above funds are given by the Union Government directly through District Collectors/Heads of the Department; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the table of House.

(c) The funds are released directly to the State Governments.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Special Central Assistance is given to the State Govts. as an additive to their Special Component Plans for the Scheduled Castes and it is not given to finance any particular scheme. The criteria adopted for release of Special Central Assistance to States/UTs for their Special Component Plans are given below :

(a)	On the basis of SC population of States/UTs ...	40%
(b)	On the basis of relative backwardness of the States/UTs ...	10%
(c)	On the basis of percentage of SC families in the States/UTs covered by composite economic development programmes in the plan to enable them to cross the poverty line ...	25%
(d)	On the basis of percentage of Special Component Plan to the Annual State Plan as compared to the SC population percentage in the States/UTs ...	10%
(e)	On the basis of programmes for specially vulnerable groups among SCs namely sweepers, scavengers, bonded labourers, etc. ...	10%
(f)	On the basis of implementation of Special Component Plan during previous year ...	5%

The details of amount given as Special Central Assistance to Special Componant Plan to Madhya Pradesh during 1994-95 to 1996-97 are given below :

Year	Amount given (Rs. in lakhs)
1994-95	2097.57
1995-96	2425.33
1996-97 (as on date)	1215.87

2. Special Central Assistance is also given to the States to support their Tribal Sub Plans for Sch. Tribes. The criteria for allocation of Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub Plans to States/UTs are as under—

The share of the three programmes under broad strategy of Tribal Sub-Plan namely TSP (ITDP) MADA (Pockets) and primitive tribes from the total ... of Special Central Assistance (SCA) is calculated in proportion to the Sch. Tribe population covered under each programme. The Inter-State allocation of SCA for these programmes are made as under :

(a) ITDP : For allocation of SCA to ITDPs, the States are grouped into three categories. Category 'A' consists of States with substantial areas predominantly inhabited

by tribals such as (i) Andhra Pradesh, (ii) Bihar, (iii) Gujarat, (iv) Himachal Pradesh, (v) Madhya Pradesh, (vi) Maharashtra, (vii) Manipur, (viii) Orissa, (ix) Rajasthan and (x) Sikkim.

Category 'B' consists of states having dispersed tribal population with some areas of tribal concentration such as (i) Assam, (ii) West Bengal, (iii) Tripura.

Category 'C' consists of the States/UTs where the tribal population is by and large dispersed with very small areas of concentration such as (i) Karnataka, (ii) Kerala, (iii) Tamil Nadu, (iv) Uttar Pradesh, (v) Andaman & Nicobar Islands, (vi) Goa, Daman and Diu. The total outlay of SCA for tribal Sub Plan is allocated to these categories on the basis of tribal population of the States/UTs included in each group. The funds allocated to category 'A' is then distributed to the States on the basis of three criteria i.e. (i) 50% on the basis of Scheduled Tribe population in the Tribal Sub Plan area, (ii) 30% on the basis of geographical area of the tribal sub plan and (iii) 20% in proportion to per capita Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) of the States with weightage to tribal population within the TSP area. For category, 'B' and 'C' States, the share of individual States/UTs is fixed on the basis of 2 criteria, i.e. 70% according to Scheduled Tribe population of the Tribal Sub Plan, and 50% in inverse proportion to per capita NSDP of States/UTs with weightage to tribal population within the TSP area.

(b) MADA Pockets of tribal concentration : While allocating SCA for MADA programmes, 70% of the total allocation is distributed according to population in the MADA area and 30% in inverse proportion to per capita NSDP of the States/UTs with weightage to tribal population within the pockets.

(c) Primitive Tibes : The distribution formula is : (a) 40% of the amount of numerical size of the primitive tribal communities, (b) 30% according to population depending on different occupation, namely (i) food gathering or hunting, (ii) shifting cultivation, (iii) sedentary cultivation and (iv) other occupations with weightage accorded in the ratio of 5 : 3, 1 : 1 respectively, (c) 15% according to number of primitive tribal communities in the States/UTs, (d) 15% in inverse population to per capita NSDP with weightage to primitive tribe population.

The details of amount given to Madhya Pradesh under SCA to TSP during 1994-95 to 1996-97 are as under :—

Year	Amount given (Rs. in lakhs)
1994-95	7535.72
1995-96	9579.66
1996-97	3749.71

In addition to the above, additional SCA has been given to Madhya Pradesh for certain schemes as under:

Name of the Scheme	Amount given (Rs. in lakhs)		
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Carpet craft project for Raigarh District	13.50	—	—
Bamboo Craft for Raypur Distt.	—	85.00	—

Telecast of TV Programmes on Hilly Areas

5448. SHRI KALLAPPA AWADE :
SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA :
SHRI P. NAMGYAL :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a separate plan to set up AIR/ Doordarshan Kendras in backward, tribal and hilly areas of the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the places where the AIR/Doordarshan Kendras have been set up in these areas, State-wise, location-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up such more LPT/HPT transmitters in these areas;

(e) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(f) whether the Government also made proper arrangements for clear transmission of Doordarshan programmes in these areas ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, these areas are taken care of while formulating the five-year plans of AIR/Doordarshan for expansion/upgradation of AIR and Doordarshan facilities in the country.

(c) The details are as per statements I & II.

(d) and (e) Setting up of TV transmitters/expansion of TV coverage in an area is done after due consideration of various factors including requirements of population of that area and it is a continuous process.

(f) Yes, Sir.